

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 1-20 remain pending upon entry of this amendment. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks submitted in support thereof. The current status of the claims is summarized below.

Claims 1-20 have been amended to further clarify the invention.

Claims 1 – 20 are pending after entry of this amendment.

Objections to Specification:

The Examiner has requested update on status of related application mentioned in paragraph 001 of the disclosure. Paragraph 001 of the specification has been amended to update status of related application. The amended specification is included in this paper. Based on the amended specification, the Applicants request the objection to specification be withdrawn.

Claim Objections:

Claims 1-20 were objected due to informalities. Claims 1-20 were amended to address the informalities. Based on the amendments, the Applicants request the Claim objections be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101:

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 101 as they were directed to a non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-8 were amended to direct the claims to a statutory subject matter. Based on the amendment, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being anticipated by Mehta et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0131404 (hereinafter Mehta). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of these rejections in light of the amendments and arguments contained herein.

Independent claims 1, 9 and 17 have been amended to further clarify the invention. The claimed embodiments of the present invention provides a standard mechanism for communication between client devices and a provisioning server for provisioning services. Among other features, as further clarified by the amended claims, embodiments of the present invention define a provisioning application that includes a delivery transaction that allows a client device to download data related to services based on synchronization of the client device with the provisioning server. The synchronization of the client device with the provisioning server ensures that view of delivered services on the client are in synchronization with the view of the delivered services on the provisioning server so that the provisioning server can examine the list, update the provisioning server's database and bundle the necessary services to be downloaded to the client device. (*See page 20, line 1 – page 21, line 27*). As can be seen, this synchronization enables the provisioning server to verify the delivered services at the client device, verify the server's own view of delivered services at the client device and to calculate a provisioning update and prepare an update bundle to be downloaded by the client device based on the verification. This synchronization is performed at the lower level of transaction without the user having to keep track or have knowledge of the updates.

Mehta teaches using Mobile Application System (MAS) that provides information related to services available to a particular client device. Mehta does not suggest or teach automatic synchronization of services between the client device and provisioning server. A

user, in Mehta, has to have high level of intelligence to drill down through the various options, keep track of updates on the various applications and manually request and apply those updates. As can be seen, this can become very cumbersome, prone to errors and omissions, and requires user interaction. A highly intelligent user, such as an administrator, may have to provide this service so as to keep the client device up-to-date. This is contrary to the claimed invention. Mehta does not suggest or teach claimed invention as amended.

Based on the arguments presented, the Applicants submit that amended independent claims 1, 9, and 17 are patentable over Mehta and request the withdrawal of its rejection. Claims 2-8, 10-16 and 18-20 are dependent on the amended independent claims. Based on the above arguments for independent claims 1, 9 and 17, Applicants submit that the dependent claims 2-8, 10-16, and 18-20 are patentable over Mehta and request the withdrawal of its rejections.

Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6905. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP155). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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